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Bill Pickett Rodeo To Blaze into Los Angeles

Black Voice News
LOS ANGELES
△ It's that time of year again.

The one and only original Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo blazes into the Los Angeles Equestrian

Center for the 13th year, July 19th and 20th, 1997. The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo is the only national Black touring rodeo that has brought a decade of family fun, while focusing on the important contributions of the courageous

Black cowboys and cowgirls. men and women that have enriched our heritage. Bill Pickett's Invitational Rodeo provides an exciting event that features nearly 100 Black cowboys and cowgirls. This star studded event has also featured

such celebrities as: Denzel Washington, Hal Williams, Marla Gibbs, Fred "Rerun" Berry, Sinbad, Angela Bassett, Glynn Turman, Mary Wilson, Freda Payne, Reginald T. Dorsey, Vanessa Bell-Calloway, Dorian Harewood, Janet Hubert-

Whitten, Howard Hewett, Antonio Fargas, Dawnn Lewis and many more. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 30th. Ticket prices are: Box Seats - Adults \$18; General Admission - Children \$10.00, Adults \$12 (advance) \$14 at the

gate. Tickets can be purchased May 30th at the Black Voice Office. Booth space is also available for the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo. For more information regarding booth space, contact
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Longtime Resident Passes



Exzola Bernese Hardy
 Funeral services were held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in San Bernardino for Exzola Bernese Hardy who died suddenly May 6, 1997. Hardy was born the third of five children to Alvie and Bernese Summers in Hobart, Oklahoma, July 1, 1929. She attended Langston University after graduating high school, where she majored in Business Administration. There she met Garvis "Nick" Hardy, whom she married in March of 1951. One year later, the couple moved to San Bernardino where they became the parents of their son and daughter, Garry and Michelle. Known as "Exie" to family and friends, she was employed at Highland Pacific Elementary School until her retirement in 1993. An off and on heart problem didn't keep her away from church. Although she didn't drive, she didn't miss services sometimes arriving before anyone else. "She was a wonderful grandmother, taking care of her grands and making sure they came to church," said Abraham Wilson. Her husband of thirty-two years preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Garry and Michelle, one sister, Melvyna Harrison, two brothers, Raymond and Charles Summers, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Civil War Leaves History at Mall

Black Voice News
SAN BERNARDINO
 Civil War historians/actors Steve Gipson and "Uncle" John Mobley will bring their two man *The Great Civil War Exposition and Living History Show* to Carousel Mall on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 16, 17, and 18. The battle camp will be assembled in the Harris' lower level court area complete with wedge tents, tables, chairs, flags, cooking utensils, and personal artifacts. The center piece of the camp is a 1841 Civil War Cannon. Carousel Mall is located in downtown San Bernardino at 2nd and "E" Streets.
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Blacks Outraged With LA Times

Black Voice News
LOS ANGELES
By Dennis Schatzman

From Editor and Publisher Magazine, the newspaper industry's leading publication, to the Sentinel, to Black Voice News, to the Nation of Islam's Final Call, even people in the industry are questioning the racial sensitivity of the Los Angeles Times, a newspaper that covers a metropolitan area that contains over 50 dominant racial minority groups. "L.A. Times Under Fire" blazed the headline of the May 6, 1997 national publication, *The Final Call*. "One of the oldest civil rights groups has joined several journalism professors, community leaders and citizens in voicing outrage over what they called a racist and insulting editorial cartoon that appeared in the (April 21, 1997 edition of) the Los Angeles Times," the *Final Call's* Rosalind Muhammad wrote.

The cartoon depicts a White father in a furnished, fashionably tasteful living room asking his young son, "So, which will it be, Harvard or Columbia?" The second frame shows a Black mother talking to her son in a dilapidated furniture-less apartment. "So, which will it be, lethal injection or random shooting?"

The cartoon drew howls of protest from legions of Los Angeles citizens, several college journalism professors, both locally and nationwide, and from Celes King, state chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality of California and Cecil Ferguson, community curator and chairman of the Coalition for Cultural Survival of Community Arts. "The cartoon is insulting to the African American community," Ferguson told a reporter. "We demand a formal, published apology."

The Times' management pooh-poohed the controversy, even trotting out Janet Clayton,

the paper's highest ranking African American to say that "Mr. King (et al) misread the meaning of the cartoon." Although Clayton oversees

Southern California," Broady added, "The Times, as well as other mainstream newspapers, tend to focus on food, festivals, sports and crime. Oh, yes, and

Jamaica. "She left, she quit," said another Black Times reporter. "The question is, 'what was left in L.A. for her?' It was time for her to move on.

any more," he told this reporter three years ago.

According to what Ford and her close friends at the Times told this reporter two years ago, she was taken off the Simpson criminal trial story was because, "she was being too objective in her coverage of the trial and because the White boys wanted 'in' on the 'trial of the century.'" Joel Sappel, who was then city editor at the Times (now special projects editor), took her off the story and put her in the street to cover the vendors who where working outside of the criminal courts building during the trial," one reporter close to Ford told the Sentinel/NNPA at the time.

Lee Wolinsky, the Times' assistant management editor, and a man who has a generally good rapport with Black reporters, said the decision to take Ford off the daily coverage of the Simpson trial was not Sappel's decision alone. "We made a decision to rotate the coverage in the Simpson courtroom," even though Ford was the assigned criminal courts reporter.

"She was the criminal courts reporter, that's right," Wolinsky admitted. "But she wasn't taken off the story. She was given the assignment to do more enterprise stories. She had made some good contacts with the Simpson family. We gave her carte blanche to develop those stories."

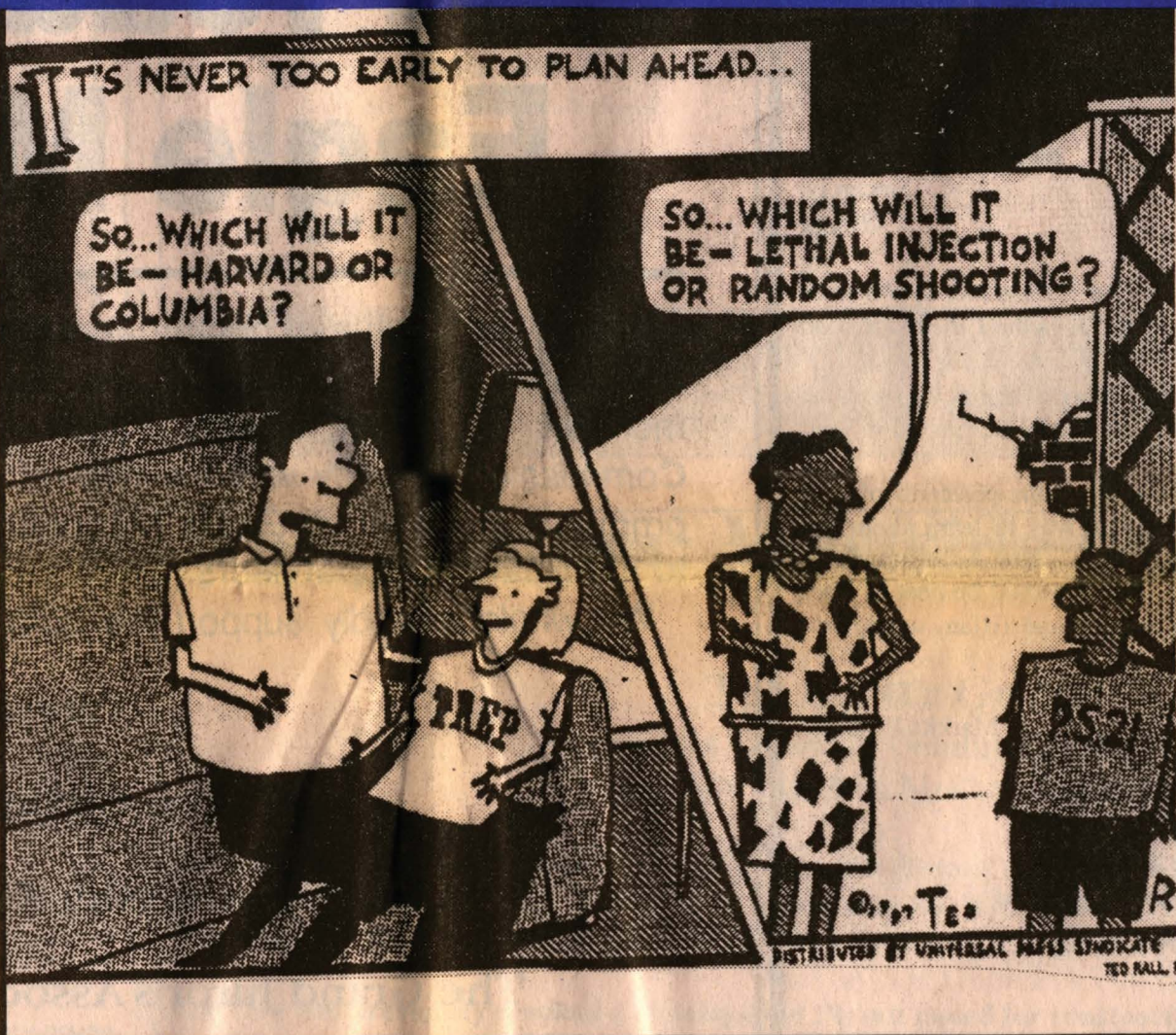
When asked why there were no stories written by Ford in that regard, Wolinsky said, "That decision didn't pan out."

Anyone covering the Simpson trials knew that the Simpson family neither granted interviews nor talked in background to reporters. "That's how they get rid of you," mused Professor Broudy of Cal State Fullerton. "They say they are taking you off a story to give you more responsibility."

Back to the "racist" cartoon. Sherrie Mazingo, chairman of the Communications Department at the University of Southern California, responded in the *Final Call* Janet Clayton's explanation this way: "The Times said we're missing the point. They're correct. What is the point of running a cartoon that belongs in a Ku Klux Klan publication. This is pure racism."

Other musings of protest came from Francis Ward, a Syracuse University journalism professor, an NABJ founder and a former Times reporter, Linn Washington of the Temple University School of Communications, and Gerald Jordan, a journalism professor

Humor, Commentary or Racist... You Decide?



the opinion and editorial section of the Times, it was her assistant, Bob Berger, who approved the cartoon and all other contributions that are published in that section. Yet it was Clayton who made the calls to irate readers.

The cartoon, however, is just the tip of the iceberg that has caused Black Angelenos to question the racial sensitivity of the Times. Many people -- and not just Blacks -- are questioning why the Times "gives more coverage to Zaire than it does South Central Los Angeles," says Jeffrey Broady, a journalism professor at California State University at Fullerton. "When it comes to the coverage of minorities in

anniversaries, like the fifth anniversary of the 1992 riots."

Further, there are concerns over the alleged negative treatment of Black reporters at the Times and why so many of them are forced to leave. Among them, Andrea Ford, a staunch critic of the Times' editorial policies regarding the coverage of the Black community and a former board member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Recently, it was learned that Ford, who was abruptly taken off the O.J. Simpson criminal trial case in favor of two male Jewish reporters, Henry Weinstein and Tim Ruttan, left the Times and moved to

Things were getting sour for her."

Ford is the latest Black reporter to leave the Times under, many say, less than optimum circumstances. Among them: Ron Harris, the Times only Black columnist, was shipped off to Brazil where he left the Times; Linda Williams, saw no chance of advancement and went to Gary, Indiana and left there recently to assume an editorship in Raleigh, North Carolina; Charice Jones, a former Times education reporter quit to go to the New York Times.

Even a Korean American reporter, John Lee, took a buyout to leave the Times because he "couldn't take it

Race, Media, American Law and the Simpson Controversy

Black Voice News
ONTARIO
By Dennis Schatzman

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In his 1941 seminal study on race, "An American Dilemma," Sociologist Gunner Myrdal lists what he describes as the "White man's order of discriminations."

1. Interracial marriage
2. Sexual intercourse by non-Whites with White women
3. Use of public facilities
5. Legal equality
6. Employment

On the flip side, Myrdal found that in the scheme of

things, "miscegenation was not high on (Blacks') list of grievances against White racism." It ranked last.

Perhaps a more telling indication of what race means to the mainstream when it comes to issues involving Blacks, other minorities and Whites, can be seen in Professor Oliver Cox's famous 1948 treatise, "Caste, Class and Race."

"Both the Negroes and their White exploiters," noted Cox, "know that economic opportunity comes first and that the White woman comes second; indeed, she is merely a

significant instrument in limiting the first."

Which brings us to the real issue involved in the second Simpson trial. The money. Revisiting what CNN's Bruce Morton said: "This is a second trial for the same offense with real penalties."

While the civil trial jury took Simpson's present and future money rendering him a pauper, the opposite occurred when a federal jury sentenced two Los Angeles Police Department cops to jail time for the violation of Black motorist Rodney King's civil rights. This happened after

a Simi Valley state jury acquitted four officers for the March 3, 1991, brutal beating of King. After the second trial, the two officers became millionaires as they sat in a minimum security federal prison.

In legal practice, wealth and property rights always supercede human rights. The prevailing wisdom is that the life of wealth and property is "perpetual" while human life lasts but only a short time.

In issues involving race, influential mainstream interests

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LA Times Under Fire

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at the University of Arkansas. King of the Congress of Racial Equality of California has called Shelby Coffey, III, editor of the Times, and asked for a meeting to discuss the concerns of the Black community, "just like we used to do in the old days." Coffey

has not returned King's numerous calls. "That doesn't seem like too much to ask, a returned telephone call," noted a reporter for *Editor and Publisher Magazine* which is publishing a story on the controversy in its May 17, 1997 edition.

Bill Pickett Rodeo Blazes Into LA

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Margo Wade or June Mouer at (310) 822-3699.

The Los Angeles Equestrian Center is located at 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank (near

Griffith Park).

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Students Ask For Postcards From Readers

My name is George Camacho. I'm a fifth grader at Westside School in Payette, Idaho. I like to play football and basketball but I'm not too fond of soccer.

Our class is writing letters to the editors of the newspapers all across America. We are asking that our letters be printed in your papers.

We would like your readers to send us picture postcards of your beautiful state. We think it is a great way to learn about our country!

I chose Riverside, CA because I think learning about the orange tree that came from Brazil would be interesting.

Sincerely,
George

My name is Markita Williams. I'm a fifth grader at Westside School in Payette, Idaho. I love fruit and dogs but I'm not too fond of vegetables.

Our class is writing letters to the editors of the newspapers all across America. We are asking that our letters be printed in your papers.

We would like your readers to send us picture postcards of your beautiful state. We think this is a great way to learn about our country!

I chose Riverside, CA because I think it would be neat to learn about Mission Inn and its 200 year old altar and Tiffany windows.

Sincerely,
Markita Williams

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will often claim the money and property as the real prize in a dispute. In 19th Century Frederick, Maryland, for example, White bankers with political allies seized the property of my ancestors, the Murdocks and the Johnsons, and left them nearly penniless. Reason: the bankers just wanted the property. Exercising a provision common (but rarely enforced) in loan transactions, the bankers waited until the family became a few days late on a loan payment and immediately foreclosed on the property -- several houses, land and a lucrative ice business. In matters involving race,

history has shown that many judges have ruled for the monied interests, unless the monied interest is Black and the aggrieved party or defendant is White. Remember In Re: Hannah Warwick?

When these issues arise, it is good to look at the history of the judge and how he or she ruled in similar matters.

In an article, "Simpson's Right to a Fair Trial is About to be Skewed," published in the Sept. 26, 1996 legal publication, the Los Angeles Daily Journal, I pointed out that Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki's decision not to allow testimony concerning the racial animus of former Los Angeles Police

Department Detective Mark Fuhrman was steeped in the judge's personal adjudicative history. I cited the case of Wilson vs. J. Paul Getty Museum (Ca. 633087[1990]).

In that case, the plaintiff, Glenna Wilson, a deeply religious security guard with supervising and training responsibilities, was placed on probation for "unsatisfactory professional conduct" shortly after she complained that she had been the subject of racial slurs.

Even though Wilson's attorneys cited a litany of cases supporting the admission of racist statements, Fujisaki ruled that the slurs could not be

introduced to the all-White jury because the evidence tended to be prejudicial against the defendant. Yet he allowed the defense to introduce statements from Wilson's subordinates claiming that she had made sexual advances towards them.

As my late University of Pittsburgh track coach, James E. Banner, once told me: "Leopards don't change their spots." Perhaps this was why Fujisaki was chosen to hear this case.

• Next Week find out the real issue involved in the second Simpson trial.

We Proudly Support Eagle Mountain!

After four months of comprehensive review and consideration, the five member Riverside County Planning Commission recently voted 4-1 to recommend approval of Eagle Mountain to the Board of Supervisors.

We wholeheartedly support the com-

mission's action and agree that Riverside County needs the proposed Eagle Mountain Landfill & Recycling Center.

As the public process continues, we urge Riverside County residents to become informed and join us in supporting this environmentally superior project.

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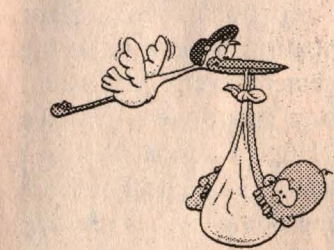
Black Babies At Higher Risk For SIDS

The Black Voice News

African American babies are nearly two-and-a-half times more likely than Caucasian babies to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), but there are some simple steps all parents and other caregivers can take to reduce the risk of SIDS.

SIDS is the sudden and unexplained death of an infant under one year of age. It strikes nearly 4,000 babies in the United States every year. The causes of SIDS are still unclear, and it is currently impossible to predict which infants might fall victim to SIDS.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says the most important way to reduce the incidence of SIDS, sometimes known as "crib death," is to place babies on their backs to sleep. While health experts are



uncertain about the link between the stomach sleeping position and SIDS, there is some evidence that air can become trapped underneath a sleeping infant, causing the child to rebreathe exhaled air. The Academy has stated that sleeping on the back is preferred; however, the side position is considered an acceptable alternative.

Other steps that parents and caregivers can take to reduce the risk of SIDS include:

- Babies should sleep on firm surfaces free of fluffy bedding and soft toys or pillows.

- Expectant mothers receive early and regular prenatal care. Mothers should not smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor) during pregnancy.

- Create a smoke-free environment around your baby.

- Keep the temperature in the baby's room so that it feels comfortable to adults. Babies should not get too warm when sleeping.

- Caregivers should ensure that babies receive immunizations on schedule; and if the baby seems sick, contact the baby's doctor or clinic right away.

If possible, consider breast feeding your baby.

"We are very proud of the Back To Sleep campaign," said Dr. Yvonne Maddox, Deputy Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human

Development (NICHD), a part of the National Institutes of Health. "This campaign has important messages for all babies, especially for those at higher risk. Everyone who takes care of infants needs to know how to reduce the risk of SIDS for African American babies."

Dr. Maddox added that public and private groups must enhance their efforts to reach these populations. "It is essential that the simple message of putting your baby on his or her back to sleep reaches everyone."

The "Back To Sleep" campaign, with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Clinton Administration, is expanding to reach not only parents and health professionals but grandparents, baby-sitters, and day care workers as well.

A convenient new source of SIDS information for parents and others is the Gerber Products Company, which plans to print helpful tips on the backs of three million Gerber rice cereal boxes beginning in June

1997. The Gerber Products Company will also include the message in mailings to 2.7 million parents of newborns. In addition, a recorded message about SIDS is currently playing on the Gerber toll-free information number (1-800-4-Gerber), urging parents to place their babies on their backs to sleep and to talk to their doctors for more information on infant sleep position. The message is playing on the Gerber toll-free information number 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Our Bodies



Ernest C. Levister, Jr., M.D.
F.A.C.P., F.A.C.P.M.

The many of you who have followed my column over the years, can attest to the importance I place on "mentoring" our youth. Whether teaching health and fitness to a group of teens or tutoring a gang member, there is incredible power and personal satisfaction in hands-on help. The weekend of the President's summit for America's future brought together the powerful force of four presidents, five first ladies, one general and several thousand business and community leaders to tackle one issue: How to increase volunteering with the emphasis on helping youth. Supporters from Oprah Winfrey to Shell Oil, Bank of America and Von's Supermarkets have pledged support and money to the ambitious efforts kicked off in Philadelphia. Ironically the so-

Walking The Walk

called city of "Brotherly Love" has both skyrocketing poverty, drug and child abuse among its youth.

Already so-called armchair critics of the effort predict failure saying American's just don't have the time. A USA Today/CNN poll shows 51% of middle class Americans are reluctant volunteers. When it comes to choosing between helping their own children with homework or driving into the inner city to mentor a high risk youth, it's not tough to guess which wins the time of wealthy or middle class parents. At no time are young Black and Latino youth at greater risk - their plight is complicated by a public with skewed priorities. People who place caring for stocks and investments, mall and internet shopping over caring for even their own children.

In essence: we cannot wait for someone else to save our youth. Among the challenges facing retired Army General Colin Powell and other organizers of the National Effort, is convincing potential volunteers they do have the time to help out. One way is to be a mentor. Powell stresses, "you don't

have to be perfect, just willing." A mentor has two important qualities: willingness to listen and to stand by their child through joys and frustrations and ability to help a child discover and develop his or her strengths. Coach a basketball team or give cooking lessons to high risk teens. Try it for a couple of months before you agree to a long term commitment. Mentoring a child cannot be taken lightly. The child's future can be damaged further by efforts that are not sincere.

When you are ready to commit, look no further than your own community, your church or child's school. Call your local community organizations for referrals. Get involved now - who knows, with the thousands of mall manics, couch potatoes and stock market worry warts - this may just be what the doctor ordered!

Dr. Levister welcomes reader mail concerning their body but regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters. Your letter will be incorporated into the column as space permits. You may direct your letters to Dr. Levister in care of Voice News, P.O. Box 1581, Riverside, CA 92502.

Family Talks



Joseph A. Bailey, II M.D., F.A.C.S.

What do wonderful, marvelous, magnificent, and explanations of mental pictures, concepts, and abstractions have in common? Answer: all are explained by ancient thoughts about air. The story goes that the universe was emanated (begotten or flown out) from God's mind. The first form of this finite or "definable" reality was a Universal Energy "Mind" whose off-spring was Universal Matter. Between them was "pre-matter" and this "upper atmosphere" next to the heavens was extremely thin and elastic. Much like an aura's halo of light, it was a special air devoid of density and strength. Stars and planets, separating the "heavens" from the rest of the universe,

Defining Matter

were believed to be made by this Quintessence, Ethereal substance, or **Ether**. Despite starting the physical world and pervading every part of all universal space, the Ether could not be measured for it had no boundaries. Furthermore, it expanded indefinitely and was so vague in content as to be "Untouchable" by the 5 senses. That Ether air which was away from matter was called **Intangible**.

What Was capable of being perceived by the senses (except sight) was the **Tangible** air just below the Ether. Being "touchable," the word tangible had 4 applications: First, as **Mental Tangible Concepts** -- semi-physical/sensory mind experiences that come from gaining a **General Idea** about material things of like kind, as when a child expands an idea of his dog and other dogs to a **Generic** dog. Second, **Tangible Taste** referred to a transformation from a physical sensa-

tion to a mind impression of likes or dislikes. Here, taste resulting from food touching the tongue and palate would make a mind **Preference**. Third, the **Physical Tangible** occurred when a person "touched" or was touched by unseeable things. Such touching, like the heat of a fire or the cold from a refrigerator, caused feeling sensations. Finally, **Objective** -- a person touching seeable liquids and solid objects that could be counted, weighed, and measured -- characterized earthly things.

In summary, **Mental Pictures** are direct imitations of objects; **Mental Concepts** are general ideas of mental pictures; and **Mental Abstractions** reflect the realm of intangible air, as with Ethereal words.

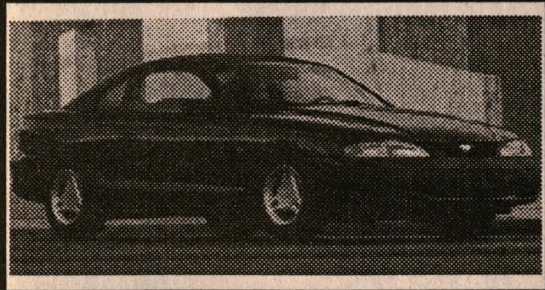
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Miller Partners With C.O.P.E.



Miller Partners With C.O.P.E. At Annual Conference: "Planning for Profits" was the theme of the 1997 Club Owners, Promoters and Entertainment (C.O.P.E.) conference held recently in Atlanta, GA. Among those who addressed the gathering was comedian-activist Dick Gregory who was the keynote speaker at the organization's Unity Luncheon co-sponsored by Miller Brewing Company. Established in 1993, C.O.P.E. is devoted to the promotion, marketing and business of African-American nightclubs and entertainment events. It seeks to provide a forum for people in the hospitality and entertainment industries to explore common interests, exchange information and develop mutually beneficial and profitable businesses. Gregory (center) is pictured here at the luncheon with (left to right): Kevin Foster, marketing manager, Miller Brewing Company; Libby Anthony, C.O.P.E. President; Lisa Nelson, a financial marketing analyst at Miller, and Jim Thompson, Miller's manager-relationship marketing.

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Senator Argues: Use Black Vendors

Special to NNPA from The Chronicle
SOUTH CAROLINA

Though he no longer sells cars for local auto dealerships, Charleston Senator Robert Ford has been keeping himself busy focusing on the industry.

Recently Ford charged that Charleston dealers fail to reinvest in the local Black community through jobs or procurement of goods and services from Black vendors.

In a April 13, 1997 letter to auto dealerships Sen. Ford wrote, "It is not unreasonable to expect that because of the large participation of support that you receive from the Black community, that you would be expected to reciprocate by including Blacks as part of your management team."

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In the letter Ford also noted that according to information provided by Palmetto Ford, one of the dealerships under scrutiny, of the 39 management positions in the company, none are held by African Americans.

"As a former auto salesman, I am acutely aware of the capability of Black salespersons who have the talent, skills and tenacity to be a part of the management

team," he wrote.

Ford said after meeting with ministers, minority vendors, and media personnel, he must conclude that area businesses want the economic benefits from the African-American community without reinvesting their dollars into it.

While Ford's letter targets specific dealerships, the failure to employ Blacks in management positions extends industry-wide.

Of the scores of dealers in the greater Charleston area, few African Americans are

employed as managers. Blacks are more significantly represented in sales and support positions in service departments.

"Nineteen hundred and ninety seven has been designated as the year for economic development and inclusion rather than exclusion

by corporations for participation by Blacks at the management level," Ford said.

In one response to Ford's letter, Hugh Cannon, the vice president of Palmetto Ford said that their company has recently promoted an African American to a management position in its service department.

"We don't hire or promote by race," Cannon informed, "but we're aware that a significant portion of our business is African American. I assure you we're socially conscious of our responsibility and need to participate in the Black community in fact and in spirit."

Operation Hope Commemorates Anniversary of Civil Unrest

Black Voice News
LOS ANGELES

On Tuesday, April 29, 1997, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the 1992 civil unrest, Operation HOPE, Inc., America's first non-profit investment banking organization, hosted its Youth Banking on the Future Day, L.A., taking 120 top bankers and bank CEO's into inner-city classrooms, as they volunteered their time as OHI Banker-Teachers.

Members of the media were invited and encouraged to "shadow" one of the 120 top bankers and bank CEO's, into South Central Los Angeles classrooms, as they taught a 45 minute class on the basics of a checking account, a savings account, and the importance of maintaining good credit. The classes taught reached more than 2500 students on that one day!

**RCC Foundation
Receives \$136,416
Grant**

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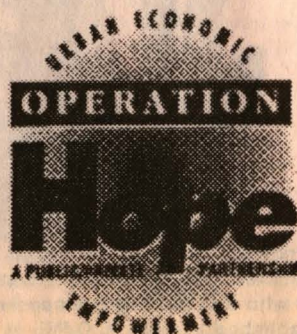
The innovative Passport to College program has been awarded a \$136,416 grant from the Weingart Foundation for program support for the next two years.

Passport to College is long-term effort to increase our region's low college-going rate. Partners in this innovative collaboration include Riverside Community College, Riverside County Office of Education and six area unified school districts. The model effort targets each of the region's more than 11,000 5th graders, with a series of programs and activities to promote college as they journey from 5th to 12th grade.

Based in Los Angeles, the Weingart Foundation is a private foundation which supports a variety of non-profit agencies and charitable organizations serving Southern California children and youth.

The grant boosts the total monies raised for Passport to College to approximately \$750,000. The college is committed to raising \$1.5 million for the Passport to College.

For more information about Passport to College, call the RCC Foundation at (909) 222-8626.



The Youth Achievement Awards Breakfast was held from 8:00am to 10:00am, at the Operation Hope Banking Center, located at 3721 South LaBrea Avenue (at Rodeo Road). During the breakfast, 250 youth with the highest G.P.A.s each received \$25 Shorter Savings Accounts from OHI and participating institutions as rewards for their academic achievement. In addition, the breakfast honored the top 15 students from participating schools with the

highest G.P.A. by awarding them each with a 486 computer and color monitor donated by OHI partner Fremont Investment & Loan, with software donated by Microsoft.

As the three day Presidential Summit on Philanthropy and Volunteerism, held April 27th through the 29th in Philadelphia with President Clinton, former President George Bush and Colin Powell, wrapped up with private sector leaders committing to a renewed "spirit of volunteerism," Operation HOPE, Inc. and 120 volunteer Banker-Teachers who joined in, hands-on, to help our youth empower themselves, practiced "volunteerism in action!"

Youth Banking on the Future Day, L.A. was hosted by Operation HOPE, Inc. and sponsored by Wells Fargo. The Youth Achievement Awards Breakfast was sponsored by Home Savings of America.

LA Black Business Expo A Huge Success



That glow emanating from South Los Angeles is the after glow of success following the Ninth Annual Los Angeles Black Business Expo and Trade Show. Part business networking, part giant block party, this event rocked the Los Angeles Convention Center and served as an appropriate housewarming for Tom Bradley (South) Hall. It was the first time an African American organization exhibited in the hall dedicated to the former mayor. The collaborative effort of this year's show attracted 45,000 consumers. The Expo joined hands with Summit 2000, the Entertainment Conference, the Youth Summit, Lawry's Tastin' Black Culture Food Court, Madd-X Productions Fashion Show, the KJLH Afrocentric Wedding and the Success 2000 Job Fair.

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Royal Tea Comes To Riverside's Mission Inn District

By Cheryl Brown

Azeb Andom has seen her dream come true. Recently she opened the Royal Tea Room and boutique located in the Old Main Street Emporium across the street from the famous Mission Inn in Riverside. As an indication of her increasing success, on Mother's Day she had a full house all day. Another indication of success is how tired she is every day. It is not nearly as easy as when she had a classroom of kindergarten students.

Her boutique is also a success and many unique items are available. "I got into this business because I was a 'Tea Hopper'. I collect anything related to tea; anything, trinkets, recipes, pictures. I would go to Orange county from place to place just to have tea. Now, I'm so busy I don't have time for my hobby," she



(Inset): Azeb Andom and her daughter Rhel examine a bag of tea in her boutique. Azeb Andom serves her daughter Rhel a pot of tea.

said. She doesn't have time to slow down in the helter skelter world of tea parties, but believes when customers come to the tea room she has to give 100 percent. Andom advises anyone wishing to come to call first, however, reservations are not required.

Andom's love of tea comes from

her native country Ethiopia. The British left their mark on the country. After coming to America she attended several colleges and graduated with a Master's Degree in education from Andrews University located in Michigan. She began teaching Jr. High but soon found her niche with kindergarten students.

The menu is simple, there is Royal Garden Tea, Royal Desert Tea, Royal Tea Special, and finally Royal Afternoon Tea. Various meals include various teas and she is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 am to 4:00 pm. The Royal Tea Room is closed Saturday but open by special arrangements Sundays and Mondays. She is prepared to have the finest of parties for children or adults. A tea party for a wedding or baby shower is a unique experience. Andom suggests her guest allow at least one and a half hours to have the full tea and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. "I'm tired but I am overjoyed with the reception I have received. If you have never had a real tea experience you should try one," she said. You can reach the Royal Tea Room at (909) 369-5867.

Andom is married and has two daughters.

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Rev. Campbell Honored for 10 Yrs.

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The Reverend L.E. Campbell, will be honored for his ten years of faithful dedicated service.

"He is a man chosen by God, labouring in His word and

doctrine," said Rev. Jackson, Associate Minister. Celebration services will be held, Sunday, May 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Baptist in Riverside pastored by Rev. C. Coleman along with his church

family will be guests for afternoon service.

Sunday, May 25th at 3:30 p.m., Victory Baptist Church of Los Angeles will be the afternoon guest with Reverend E. Daniel Jenkins and his church family.

"Come join Park Avenue Baptist in our celebration of a true man of God committed to serve," said Jackson.

Park Avenue Baptist Church is located at 1910 Martin Luther King Blvd., Riverside, CA.

Faith Temple: Moves From The Westside

Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

Giving glory to God is easy to do, especially when God is a good God.

Ask any member of Faith Temple Church and that is the response you will receive.

Faith Temple Church of San Bernardino is truly blessed as they are in the process of expansion. They are no longer located at 1745 N. Mt. Vernon

but at a temporary location until June 29, 1997, Valley Fellowship Church, 275 E. Grove Street, Rialto.

The permanent location, beginning in July, will be 2361 E. Date Street, San Bernardino. For directions and more information, contact the church office at (909) 382-3461. "Come and be a part of a church that is on the move," said Rev. Tarver.

Celestial Choir: Amazing Grace

Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

The St. Paul AME Church Celestial Choir presents their Third annual "Amazing Grace" program on Sunday, May 18, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church is

located at 1355 W. 21st Street, San Bernardino.

Join St. Paul and witness God's amazing grace once again. For further information contact (909) 887-1718.

C.O.G.I.C. Holds Inspirational Service

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SAN BERNARDINO

San Bernardino Region Church Of God In Christ, pastored by Lenton Lenoir will hold their Spring Inspirational Fellowship Service on May 14th through 16th at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

This special event will

conclude Sunday, May 18th at 3:30 p.m.

Many local choirs and churches will be in attendance for this spirit-filled fellowship.

Services will be held at New Hope C.O.G.I.C., located at 254 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino.

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Thursday

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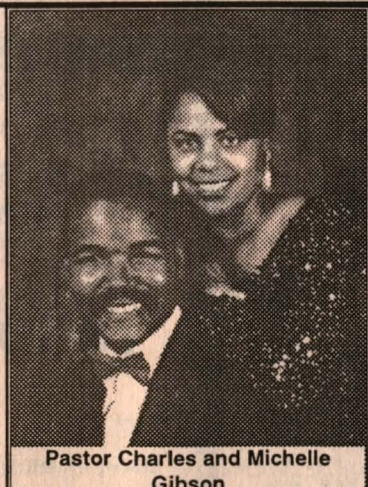
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Holy Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Evangelist Service 7:00 p.m.
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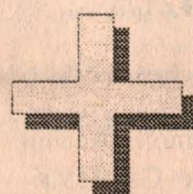
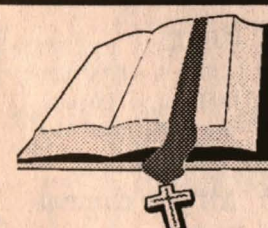
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Tuesday

Bible Study 7:00p.m.

Friday

Evangelistic Service 7:30p.m.



News 4 Pulpit 'N Pews

By Mary Anderson

• May 18th, St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 1355 W. 21st Street, S.B. pastored by Rev. Charles Brooks invites you, to their Amazing Grace Vesper Hour, Sunday, May 18th 1997 at 4 PM. Come witness God's Amazing Grace with us.

• May 18th, 6 PM, Temple Missionary Bapt. Church, 1583 W. Union St., S.B. pastored by Rev. Ray Turner invites you to Revival Time with Evangelist Christopher Joy. All are welcome to come.

• May 24th - 25th, Temple Bapt. presents "The Blessed Hope Cometh Again Soon." For an evening (5:30 PM) of Christian growth and pleasure, please attend. You may call the church office (909) 888-2038 for more information.

• May 31st, 4 PM, New Life Christian Church, 1322 N. Medical Center Drive, S.B. pastored by Dr. Elijah Solomon Singletary, cordially invites you to attend graduation ceremonies of the Sacramento Theological Seminary

and Bible College.

• May 29th, 7 PM, New Life Christian Church, pastor Singletary and congregation will fellowship with St. Timothy Community Church, 3100 N. State St., S.B. where Dr. Johnnie Brown is pastor.

• May 16th and 17th Chosen Women, Daughters of the King has scheduled a conference at the Pasadena Rose Bowl Stadium. Women such as Jill Briscoe, Elisabeth Elliot, Ruth Bell Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, Bunny Wilson and Alaina Reed Hall will publicly take a stand for Jesus through their faith and prayer. To register please call (714) 245-2591.

Prayer Warriors, please be in prayer for Sisters Rosemary Smith, Tanya W. Hart and Willie Brue in addition; please remember Bros. Willie Garret, Robert Lucas, Elder Leonard Lexion and Rev. Donald Osborne. As usual - please pray with the urgency of a "hacking cough." May I say "The Tribute to Mothers" by Dr. Maya Angelou was a time to remember, and I would ask, that you include this lovely, intelligent handmaiden, of the Lord in your prayers also.

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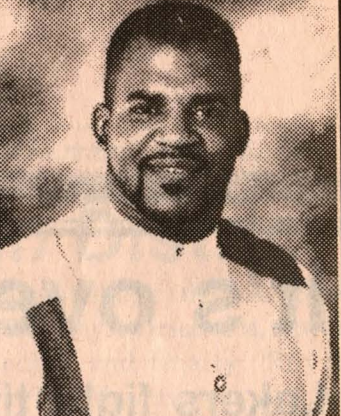
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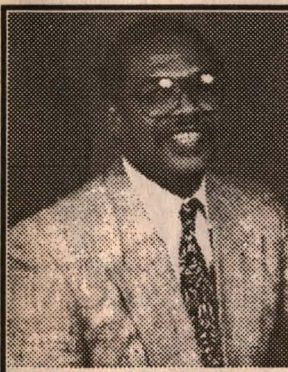

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Sports

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Thursday, May 15, 1997

It's over: Jazz ends young Lakers' NBA Playoff run

Lakers fight till the end, but succumb in Game 5 to Utah in overtime, 96-93.

By **LELAND STEIN III**
BVN Sports Editor

INGLEWOOD - Now what? Where do the Lakers go from here?

Soon the answers to those questions will present themselves, as Vice President Jerry West and his confidants begin to dissect this season and formulate their plans for the upcoming season. This process occurs every year, but it comes a little earlier than what everyone had hoped for.

The Lakers' season was brought to a screeching halt in Salt Lake City, Utah when the Jazz outlasted the Lakers in a Game 5 overtime thriller - and for the Lakers a heart breaker - 96-93.

The game ended with many questioning why 18-year-old rookie Kobe Bryant was burdened with the task of taking the game winning shot in regulation and in overtime - he air-balled both attempts.

The question that must be asked is why didn't Van Exel take the last shots? After all, he was one of the few Lakers that was having a quality game. He scored 26 points on 9 of 17 shooting, including two three-pointers.

Van Exel made his displeasure of coach Del Harris' decision to turn to Bryant in the clutch known. He even made hints that he or Harris will have to "part ways" and he's ready to "move on" if that's the hand dealt him.

Surely Van Exel's comments were out of frustration in losing a heart breaker to the Jazz. I think the team should stay in tact just as it is. The Lakers have one of the youngest teams in the league. They pasted together newcomers Robert Horry, Shawn Rooks, Shaquille O'Neal, Jerome Kersey, Byron Scott, and rookies Bryant, Travis Knight and Derk Fisher, into a fine unit that gave hints it could compete with any team in the league.

But, the seasoned Jazz, behind Karl Malone, John Stockton, Jeff Hornacek and Byron Russell, exposed the Lakers as a team that hasn't yet learned each other to the level needed to beat a veteran team like Utah.

If the Lakers can stay the course and keep in tact the fine nucleus that West has assembled, it will be worth the wait. The Detroit Pistons and Chicago Bulls are notable examples of teams that took a number of years to burst through to the title. And, we all know the championships achieved - two for the Pistons and four for the Bulls - is a result of the patience the ownership of the two teams displayed.

To get rid of Van Exel would be a serious mistake. He's one of the fearless players in the league and has an unique knack of coming up with the big shot even when he may have been experiencing a bad game. Van Exel's quickness and ball handling would be hard to replace.

Bryant's test of character will be tested this off-season as he has to live with the knowledge he lost his shooting touch at crunch time. But, based upon the young man's heart and fortitude, he'll dig deeper and produce an even better season next year.

And, of course, the big fella, Shaq, who was shelved for a couple months due to a serious knee injury, and only returned a couple games before the playoffs, will also be back with even more motivation, just to show everyone he's worthy of the NBA selecting him to the top 50 Players list this year, and, also West made a great decision when he awarded him one of the richest contracts in the league.

Before Shaq's injury the Lakers had the best record in the Western Division. A real analysis will reveal a team the saw Shaq and Horry return just before the Playoffs and coach Harris never fully exploit or exhibit confidence in his reserves.

Even in the series with Utah Harris didn't use Rooks against Malone or Fisher to help dog Stockton from end line to end line. The bench that helped the Lakers stay afloat during the injury jinx, became an afterthought during the Utah series.

Now what? The Laker's brass needs to show some patience and look at the big picture . . . they'll be rewarded with a title within a couple years - the players are already in place, they only need time together.

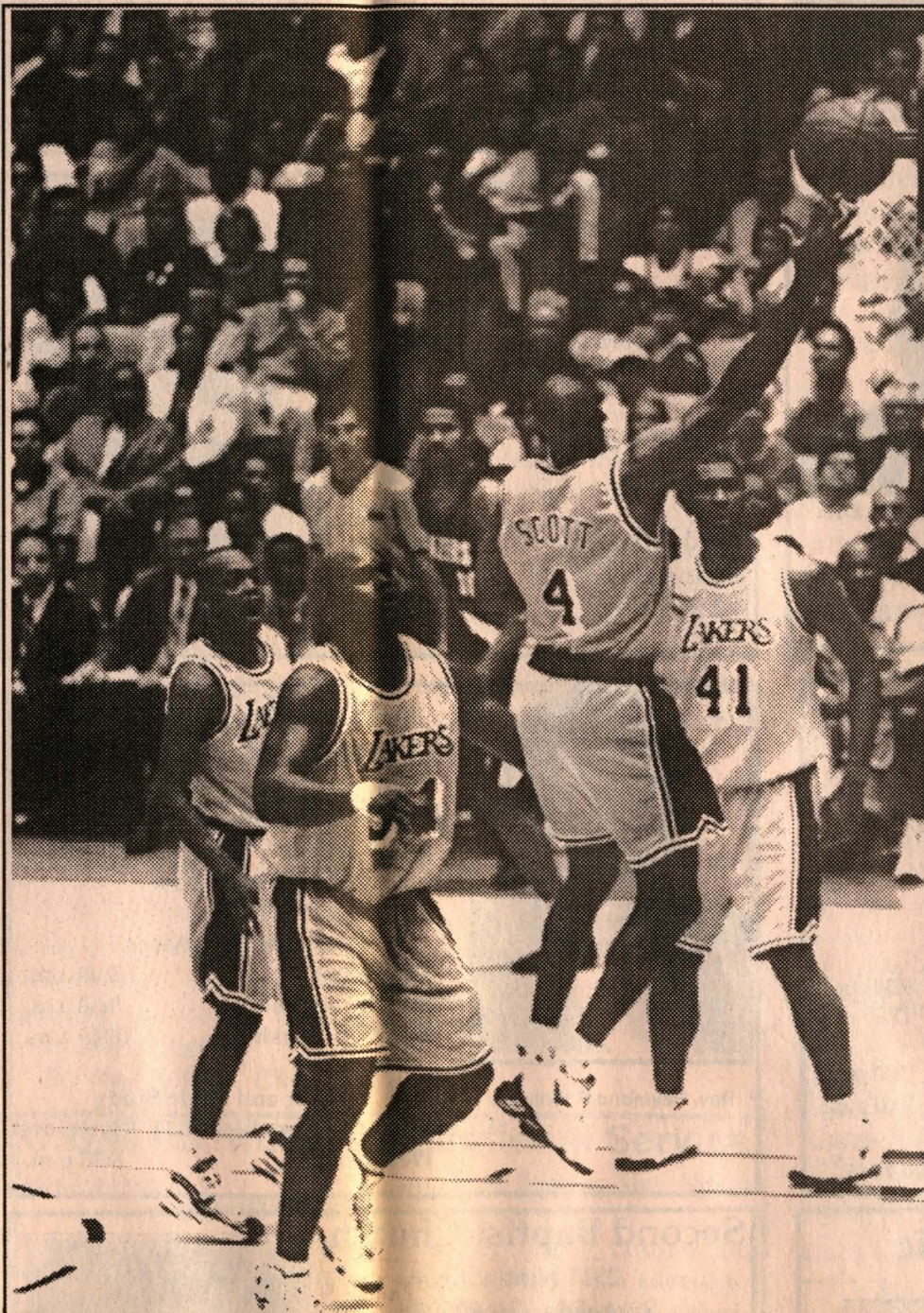


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IT'S OVER: (l-r) Lakers' Nick Van Exel, Shaq, Byron Scott and Elden Campbell couldn't rebound from a 3-1 deficit. Now the Laker crew will have to watch the rest of the NBA Playoffs from the sidelines.

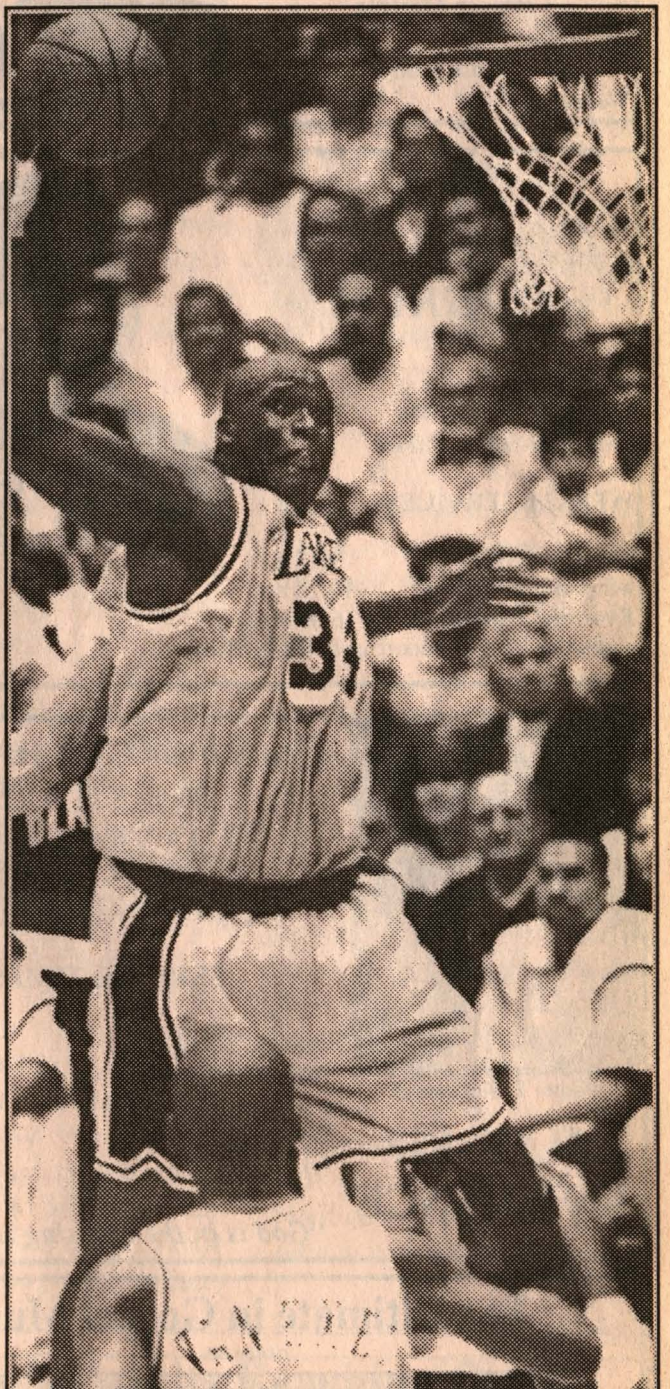
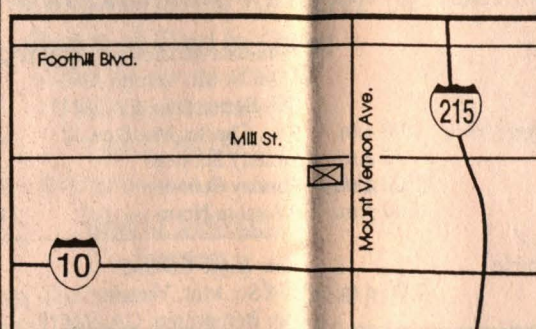


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I'LL BE BACK: Shaq says "adversity will only make the team stronger."

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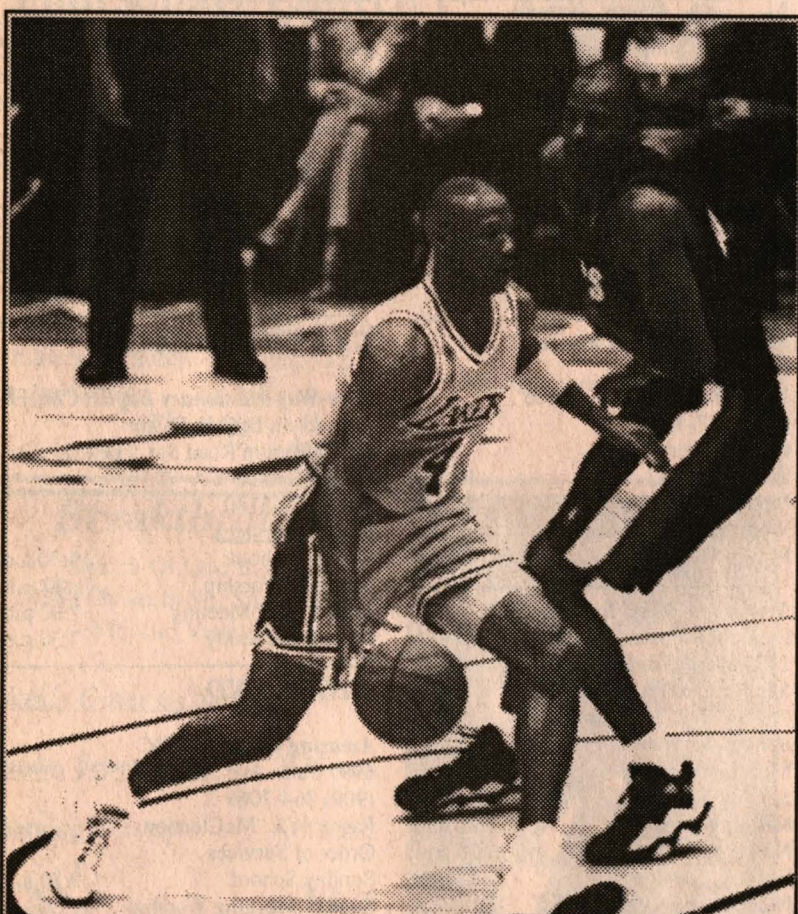


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GREAT SCOTT: In his second tour with the Lakers, Byron Scott proved to be a valuable addition, who provided stability.

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328 W. Antelope Dr. #J
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/29/97.
s/Wycliffe McFarlane
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 24, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 972991
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Bre Dance Theatre
3641 9th St.
Riverside, CA 92501
Clifford Jeffred Breland
5730 Ives Place
Riverside, CA 92506
This business is conducted by 5013C
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/97
s/Clifford J. Breland
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 06, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973434
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Shirley Ann Smith
22579 Naranja St.
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
This business is conducted by Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Shirley A. Smith
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 14, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 972675
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
The Carpet Faire
420 McKinley St. #142
Corona, CA 91719
Marvin Flynn
551 Wellesley #101
Corona, CA 91719
This business is conducted by Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Marvin Flynn
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 25, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973036
p.5/8,5/15,5/22,5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Affordable Access Advertising/ Renee's Exquisite Taste
6185 Magnolia Ave. #328
Riverside, CA 92506
Cynthia R. Frazier
3250 Panorama Rd #134
Riverside, CA 92507
Leroy Higdon
4488 Village Dr. #G
Chino Hills, CA 91709
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-1-97
s/Cynthia R. Frazier
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 22, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 972930
p.4/24,5/1,5/8,5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Continental Financial Services
2834 Hamner Ave. Suite #119
Norco, CA 91760-1929
Kim V. Aboudara
1280 5th St.
Norco, CA 91760
Michael Clayvon
1672 Pennsylvania St.
San Bernardino, CA 92414
This business is conducted by Co-Partners
Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Kim V. Aboudara/Michael Clayvon
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on March 13, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 971881
p.3/20,3/27,4/3,4/10 amended 4/24,5/1,5/8,5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sam Cleaners
6723 Indiana Ave.
Riverside, CA 92506
Magda F. Labib
800 E. Washington St. #608
Colton, Ca 92324
This business is conducted by Individuals- Husband and Wife
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Magda F. Labib
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 22, 1997
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FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 972931
p.4/24,5/1,5/8,5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
California Growers Nursery
9540 Hastings Blvd
Riverside, CA 92509
Tomas Lozano
894 E. 3rd St.
Pomona, CA 91766
Armando Ramirez
11454 Fair Fax Ln.
Pomona, CA 91766
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/2/97

s/Tomas Lozano
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 05, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973250
p.5/8,5/15,5/22,5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Bre Dance Theatre
3641 9th St.
Riverside, CA 92501

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Clifford Jeffred Breland
5730 Ives Place
Riverside, CA 92506
This business is conducted by 5013C
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/97
s/Clifford J. Breland
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 06, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973292
p.5/8,5/15,5/22,5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Villa Lea Retirement Assisted Living
3891 Palk Street
Riverside, CA 92505
Pompela V. Lurenana
3891 Polk Street
Riverside, CA 92505

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Genaro M. Lurenana
3891 Polk Street
Riverside, CA 92505
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Pompela V. Lurenana/Genaro M. Lurenana
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 09, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973410
p.5/15,5/22,5/29,6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Daley Tax
6696 Brockton Ave.
Riverside, CA 92506
Elaine R. Alvarado
6292 Ave. Juan Diaz
Riverside, CA 92509

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Kathleen A. Daley Howe
6696 Brockton Ave./POBox 20065
Riverside, CA 92516
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 9, 1997
s/ Elaine R. Alvarado
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 09, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973403
p.5/15,5/22,5/29,6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
"J". Manuel Castro Cortez
1350 Fawn St.
Corona, CA 91762
Rosendo Guillen
1337 Fawn St.
Ontario, CA 91762
This business is conducted by Co-Partners
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/27/97
s/"J". Manuel Castro Cortez
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 29, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973100
p.5/8,5/15,5/22,5/29

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name
AMEN REALTY at 12625 FREDERICK ST.#15, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 8/16/95

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Darnell Cunningham
13159 Tierra Cyn Dr.
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
This business is conducted by Darnell Cunningham, Individual
s/Darnell Cunningham
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on date dictated by file stamp above on 4/16/97

FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. R-955643
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Blow Molded Products
4728 Felspar #C
Riverside, CA 92509-3068

Larry Dale Harden
126 Palo Cedro
Diamond Bar, Ca 91765
This business is conducted by Individual
Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Larry Harden
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 12, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973476
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE CHANGE OF NAME
In re the Change of Name of JUSTIN OSAZUWA ONAGHISE
Petitioner, JUSTIN OSAZUWA ONAGHISE, has filed a petition with the Clerk of this court for an order changing petitioner's name from JUSTIN OSAZUWA ONAGHISE to JUSTIN ONESE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Central Aire
6966 Jody Ct.
Riverside, CA 92506

Steve Skajem
6966 Jody Ct.
Riverside, CA 92506

Sagrario Skajem
6966 Jody Ct.
Riverside, CA 92506

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names herein.
s/Sagrario Skajem
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 06, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973296
p.5/15,5/22,5/29,6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Amen Realty, Inc./Mortgage Banker
2000
21250 Box Springs Rd. #214
Moreno Valley, CA 92557

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Amen Realty, Inc.
3305 West Spring Mountain Rd., #60-24
Las Vegas, NV 89102
Nevada
This business is conducted by Corporation
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Terri Cunningham, President
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on April 23, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 972956
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SCOPE OF CONTRACT
The intent of these documents is to secure contractors to provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools and services necessary for mowing of park facilities.
Contractors shall ensure all workmen needed to execute this Agreement shall be paid not less than the general prevailing rate for straight time, overtime and holidays as determined by the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations. The most recent determination adopted prior to the execution of this Contract by the City of Corona shall take precedence. Said determination adopted prior to the execution of this Contract by the City of Corona shall take precedence. Said determination is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Corona. Contractors shall, as a penalty to the City of Corona, forfeit twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each calendar day per workman paid less than said prevailing wage.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Christ Faith Christian Center Non Profit Corporation
16207 Space Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Christ Faith Christian Center Non Profit Corporation
16207 Space Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92551
California
This business is conducted by Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/21/97.
s/Johnnie L. McGlothen, President/CEO
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
Statement filed with the County on May 12, 1997
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
FRANK K. JOHNSON, County Clerk
FILE NO. 973432
p.5/15,5/22,5/29,6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Christ Faith Christian Center Non Profit Corporation
16207 Space Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

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WorldWide Industries Network & W.I.N.
11875 Pigeon Pass Road
Suite D1-107
Moreno Valley, CA 92557

Worldwide Industries Network, Inc. Nevada
This business is conducted by Corporation
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.
s/Earlaine White, President
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec.14400 et.seq.b & p code)
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FILE NO. 973476
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APPLICANT'S NAME FROM JUSTIN OSAZUWA ONAGHISE TO JUSTIN ONESE
All work shall be done under the direct supervision of the City of Corona, Director of Parks and Recreation, or his delegated representative.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 29, 1997 at 8:30 A.M. in Department Law & Motion, located at D-15, 3547 10th Street, Riverside, CA and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in THE BLACK VOICE a newspaper of general circulation published in Riverside County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

Dated: April 2, 1997
Case No. 294735
Gary Traubarger
Judge of the Superior Court
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NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA PROJECT NO. PR9702
Landscape Maintenance Contract - PROJECT NO. PR 9702 "MOWING SERVICES FOR PARK FACILITIES."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Corona will receive and open proposals for furnishing all of labor, material, equipment and services necessary for Project No. PR9702 "Mowing Services for Park Facilities" in the City of Corona, County of Riverside, California, at 2:00 PM on June 3, 1997, in the office of the City Clerk, City of Corona, California.

Successful bidders and all subcontractors shall be required to obtain, or have in their possession, a valid business license from the city of Corona prior to contract execution. The Contract Documents and additional information for bidders may be examined after Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at the following location:
City of Corona
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
815 West 6th St., Room #150
Corona, CA 91720
Telephone # (909) 736-2241
Copies of Contract Documents are available for a fee of \$10.00. Make checks payable to the City of Corona
Contractors may, at their sole cost and expense, substitute securities equivalent to any monies withheld by the city to ensure performance under the Contract. Such securities shall be deposited with the City, or with a state or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, who shall pay such monies to the Contractors upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Contractors shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld and shall receive any interest thereon. Securities eligible for substitution shall include those listed in Public Contract Code Section 22300.

Under Section 7059 of the Business and Professions Code, the bidder must have license classification which is sufficient to perform a majority of the project. The City has determined that a Class C-27 license is necessary to bid this project. If the bidder is a specialty contractor, the bidder is altered to the requirements of Business and Professions Code

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 for the following:

Bid No.	Title	Bidder's Conference	Closing Date	Contact Person
RFP 9596-23	Program Opportunity Notice - Air Quality Investment Program Fund	06-05-97 9:00 a.m.	07-03-97 5:00 p.m.	Connie Day (909) 396-3055
RFP 9697-49	Market Based Incentive Projects	05-21-97 8:30 a.m.	06-24-97 5:00 p.m.	Michelle Stitzel (909) 396-3043
RFP 9697-50	Student Education Projects	05-21-97 8:30 a.m.	06-24-97 5:00 p.m.	Michelle Stitzel (909) 396-3043
RFP 9697-52	Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Data Analysis	None	06-30-97 5:00 p.m.	Dr. Xinqiu Zhang (909) 396-3158
RFP 9697-54	Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)	None	06-09-97 1:00 p.m.	Ora McEwan (909) 396-2897

PERSONS ATTENDING THE BIDDER'S CONFERENCE SHOULD CONFIRM THEIR ATTENDANCE BY CALLING THE CONTACT PERSON.

The RFP's may be obtained through the internet at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/>

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the RFP's mailed to you, telephone the contact person.

The AQMD hereby notifies all bidders in regard to this advertisement, that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to bid responses to this invitation. Moreover, the AQMD will not discriminate against bidders on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, veterans status or handicap. The AQMD also encourages joint ventures and subcontracting with MBE/WBE/DVBEs.

Mildred Brown, Purchasing Manager
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violation of the within mentioned sections, he shall forfeit and suffer the penalties therein provided.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or bid bond for not less than ten percent (10%) of the twelve (12) month contract amount for bid arcos bid upon, or an equivalent substitution in lieu of a bond as authorized by the Civil Code Section 995.710. Said check shall be made payable to the "City of Corona" and when delivered with a proposal shall constitute a guarantee that the bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of said bidder's proposal, execute a Contract in the City's standard form, together with Labor Code Certification thereon; furnish Faithful Performance and Payment Bonds with a corporate surety or sureties satisfactory to the City, or an equivalent substitution in lieu of bonds, each for not less than three (3) months of the awarded bid area(s) contract price; and furnish Certificates of insurance evidencing that all insurance coverage required by the Contract have been secured.

OTHER BONDS:
The successful bidders will be required to furnish a labor and materials payment bond in an amount not less than three(3) months of the awarded bid area contract price and a faithful performance bond in an amount not less than three (3) months of the awarded bid area contract price. Said bonds to be secured by a surety company satisfactory to the City of Corona.

All work shall be done under the direct supervision of the City of Corona, Director of Parks and Recreation, or his delegated representative.

The words PROJECT NO. PR9702 "MOWING SERVICES FOR PARK FACILITIES" should appear on the envelope of each sealed bid. Said bid shall be addressed to the City of Corona, City Clerk, 815 W. Sixth St., Corona, CA 91720.

The City of Corona reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and/or waive any informality on a bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The City of Corona, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will be not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, or national origin in consideration of an award.

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R.S.V.P. (909) 682-6070

the contract to other than the lowest bidder. Bidders may not withdraw their bids for sixty (60) days after the bid opening. For technical information relating to the details of the proposed project and/or bidding requirements, please fax questions to Jonathan Jones, the Senior Park Planner, at (909) 736-2491.

DIEDRE LINGENFELTER, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California
Dated: 5/8/97
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REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSAL FOR THE CITY OF CORONA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRIVATE BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The City of Corona Parks and Recreation Department is seeking Bid Proposals from qualified licensed building maintenance firms. Project PR-9703 Bid specifications for building maintenance services will be available on WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1997 for a fee of \$10.00 by contacting the Corona Parks and Recreation Department, 815 W. Sixth Street, Corona, Ca 91720; or by calling (909) 736-2241 for PR-9703. Checks should be made payable to the "City of Corona."

Interested maintenance firms are invited to submit their bids before 2:00 PM on THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1997.

I. PROJECT SCOPE - The intent of the building maintenance contract is to secure a building maintenance contractor to provide all labor, materials, supplies, equipment and services necessary for the complete building maintenance of six (6) recreation buildings. The building maintenance contractor will be required to effectively complete, as a minimum, all tasks describes in the General and Specific Services section of the Bid Document.

11. LENGTH OF CONTRACT -
A. The Length of the initial contract will be for TWELVE (12) MONTHS beginning July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998. ALL BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BASED ON THIS TWELVE (12) MONTH CONTRACT.

B. The City may elect to exercise an extension to renew this contract for an additional term of one (1) to two

(2) years on a year-to-year basis. The first optional extension will be for twelve (12) months from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. The second optional extension for twelve (12) months will be from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

111. BID PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Each Bid Proposal must meet the minimum of services required in the General and Specific services sec-

tion of the Bid Specifications. All bid submissions must include the Bid Summary Forms and a Bid Security of at least 10% of the contract amount. The words, "Custodial Maintenance for Parks and Recreation Buildings" should appear on the envelope of each sealed bid.

IV. OTHER BONDS
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to (50%) of the contract price. Said bonds to be secured by a surety company satisfactory to the City of Corona.

V. PRE-BID TOUR FACILITIES
There will be a pre-bid tour of all facilities at 2:00 PM on TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1997. The pre-bid tour will meet at the Parks and Recreation

office, 815 W. Sixth Street, Corona, CA 91720.

VI. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS
All bid proposals are due before 2:00 PM on THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1997 in the City Clerks office, City of Corona, 815 W. Sixth Street, Corona, Ca 91720

VII. INFORMATION For further information regarding this Bid Proposal, contact Rick Anaya, Park Maintenance Manager at (909) 736-2241.

We are looking forward to receiving your firm's Bid Proposal.

Rick Anaya
Park Maintenance Manager
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DIRECTOR/PROGRAM LEADER

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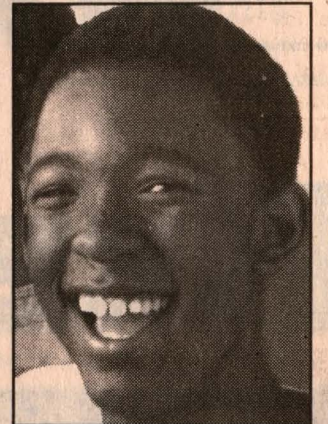
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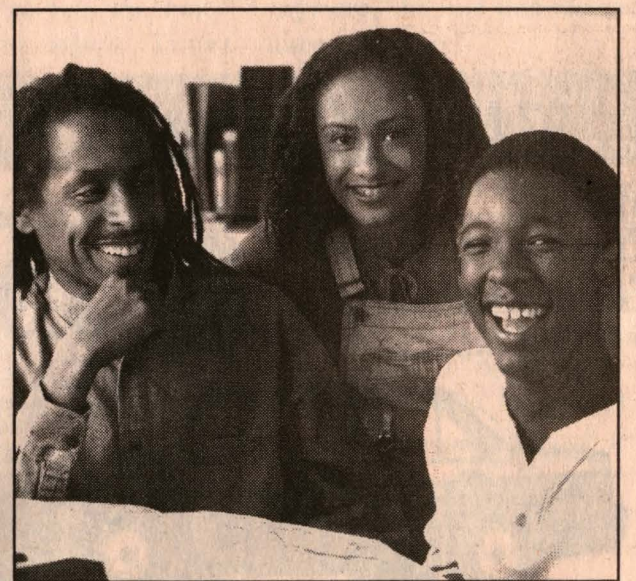
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Information: Westside Clinic Project

The Caster Group

Impendent Action on Conditional Use Permit
Project Site - 1618 N. Medical Center Drive

The Caster Group has submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the City of San Bernardino seeking approval to build a one story 24,000 sq. ft. building on the NW corner of 16th St. and Medical Center Drive. The building will be occupied by the County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health.

The City had previously revoked a Development Permit issued for construction on this site. Its revocation was based in part on community concerns in the following three (3) areas:

1. Use of building relative to inpatient/outpatient clinical, and drug and alcohol counseling services.
2. Affect of the clinic's clientele on the immediate neighborhood.
3. The 24-hour CATS Program.

In addition, we have determined two other areas of concern from community comments as follows:

1. Community notification, review and input in the project.
2. Subcontracting to minority-owned firms.

The Caster Group has taken the following actions in addressing each of the above five (5) issues:

1. We have eliminated the drug and alcohol counseling unit from the proposed building uses. The drug and alcohol counseling unit (clinic) is not included in the revised C.U.P. Any future consideration of this type of usage requires a separate Conditional Use Permit (inclusive of all C.U.P. approval requirements i.e. including community input).
2. The Caster Group has contracted with a locally based (minority-owned) firm to meet with local community leaders and organizations in an attempt to communicate the true facts regarding this project. The facts will be sufficiently detailed and open for community review.
The Caster Group is also preparing fliers to inform the public at large of all the facts regarding the project. Detailed briefing packages will be provided to community leaders, organizations and general public requesting them.
3. The 24-Hour CATS program refers to a residential and counseling program that is operated at various sites throughout the County. The proposed site will provide only administrative functions relating to the operation of this program. Such administrative functions include contract monitoring and off-site case management services.
4. Elimination of the drug and counseling unit from the building plans was done to address the issue of the clinic's clients affect on the immediate neighborhood. (Note that this project replaces two sites previously operated by the Department of Behavioral Health within close proximity to the proposed site.
5. The Caster Group is in the process of developing a "bank" of local (minority) subcontractors for use in soliciting bids. This solicitation and eventual award will follow the County of San Bernardino guidelines relative to provision of equal opportunities for minority/women-owned firms to participate in County Subcontractors.

The community will be notified and invited to attend meetings relative to project approval as required under the provisions of the Conditional Use Permit.

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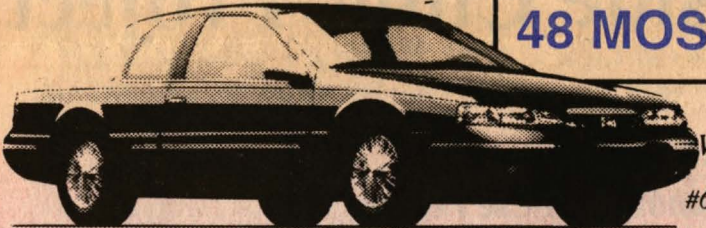
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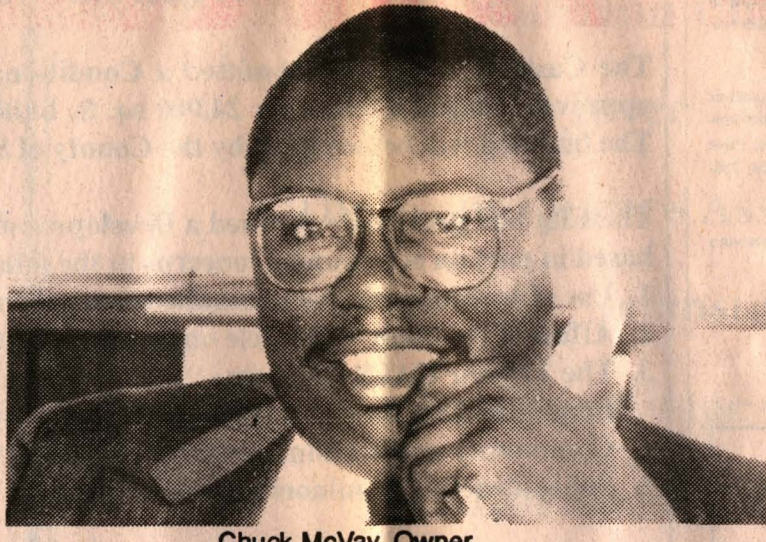
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The Black Voice News

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Tuskegee Airmen



From (l - r) Oliver Goodall, Louis Young, James Crowder, Andrew Wallace, Samuel Hughes, and L.A. Chapter President, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. - Rusty Burns stand s their heroes Benjamin Davis and Chappie James photos over look.

Due to the rigid pattern of racial segregation that prevailed in the United States during World War II, 966 Black military aviators were trained at an isolated U.S. Army Air Corps training complex near Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and at Tuskegee Institute. Four hundred fifty Black fighter pilots under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who was

provided fighter escort to bombing missions over strategic targets in Europe.

Four Black squadrons, the 99th, the 100th, the 301st and the 302nd were designated as the 332nd fighter group. They destroyed 409 enemy aircraft and sank an enemy destroyer. They: destroyed rail traffic, coast watching surveillance stations and hundreds of vehicles on strafing missions. Sixty-six of the pilots were killed in combat and thirty-two were shot down and captured as prisoners of war.

These Black airmen came home with 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Legions of Merit, Silver Stars, Purple Hearts, The Croix De Guerre, and The Red Star of Yugoslavia.

Those Black fliers who did not serve combat duty overseas along with returnees from combat duty, were formed into a medium bombardment group (B-25 type aircraft) known as the 477th. This group never

got the chance to leave the United States because of the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945.

For every Black pilot there were ten other Black men and women on ground support duty. Many of these men and women remained in military service and helped to spearhead the integration of the Armed Forces of the United States. Their success and achievement is evidenced by three of them being elevated to Flag Rank: The late General Daniel "Chappie" James, our nation's first Black Four Star General, Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF, retired, and Maj. General Lucius Theus, USAF, retired.

Major achievements are attributable to many of those who returned to civilian life and earned positions of leadership and respect as business men, religious leaders, lawyers, doctors, bankers, educators and as political leaders.

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later to become the first Black Lt. General in the Air Force, fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe flying P-40, P-39, P-47, and P-51 type aircraft. These gallant men flew 15,553 sorties and completed 1578 missions with the 12th Tactical U.S. Army Air Force and the 15th Strategic U.S. Army Air Force.

They were called the "Schwartz Vogelmenchen" (Black Airmen) by the Germans who both feared and respected them. White American bomber crews reverently referred to them as the Black Red Tail Angels because of the identifying red paint on their tail assemblies and because of their reputation for not losing bombers to enemy fighters as they

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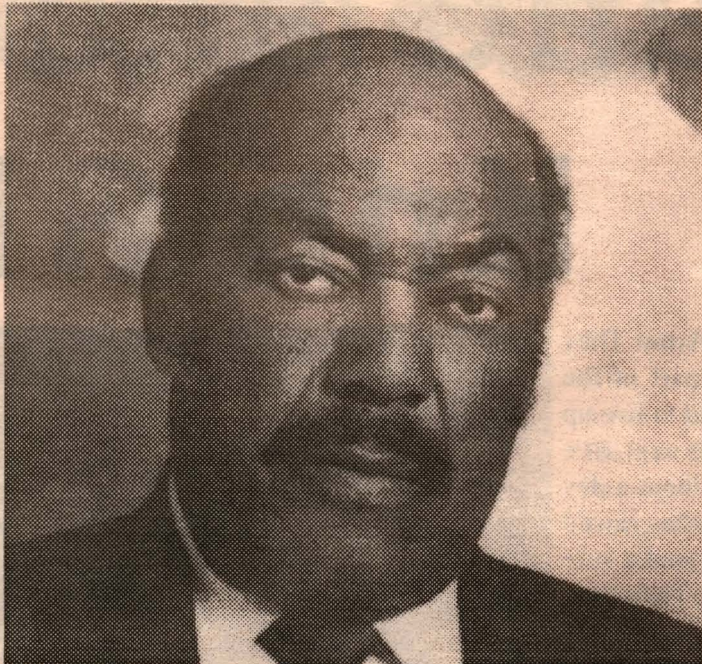
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△ Charles M. Bussey has retired from the army and now lives in the Inland Empire. We recognize his accomplishments as a dedicated soldier.

Captain Charles M. Bussey A Portrait of Courage

Born in Bakersfield, California, on April 23, 1921, by the age of 21, Bussey joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. After flight training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, Bussey's 332nd Fighter Group (FG) fought with distinction in the Mediterranean theater, where he downed two German planes in his P-51 Mustang and scored two "probables."

Following the war, Bussey attended the University of California at San Francisco, from which he received a B.A. in political science in 1949, and served as a patrolman with the Los Angeles Police Department.

After the Korean War,

Bussey's service included command of the 521st Topographic Aviation Company; during the Vietnam War he trained helicopter crews.

Lieutenant Colonel Bussey flew military aircraft for 24 years - fighters, medium bombers, transports, reconnaissance planes, and helicopters. His decorations

include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal, and the Department of the Army is currently reviewing its records for possible awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He retired from the Army in 1966.

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Charles Ledbetter A Tuskegee Airman

By Melvin Tapp

War is hell, war is glory. As history has shown, so the present is shaped. Many have seen the horrors of life survived to see better days.

Charles William Ledbetter has seen life and has lived through the horrors of war, and has gloried in life's endeavors. His is a testimony of perseverance. From the testimony of battle as a 30 year war veteran as part of the now famous Tuskegee Flyers to the compassionate teacher of the handicapped, to a civic leader championing the cause of a better education for our children. Ironically, he has seen and lived life on life's terms, but is constantly fighting to have our children to realize a brighter future by refusing to repeat mistakes of the past.

Mr. Ledbetter related that we Americans must look back sometimes to see where we are heading. "In 1941, I went to the army, which was segregated. In 1944, I was sent to gunnery school and aircraft engineer school at Fort Myers, Florida, I was assigned to the group known as the Tuskegee Flyers as an enlisted man shortly thereafter at Selfridge Field, MI, which is just outside Detroit," related Ledbetter. After a few weeks the Flyers, including Ledbetter, were moved to Kentucky for further training and onto Lockburn, OH.

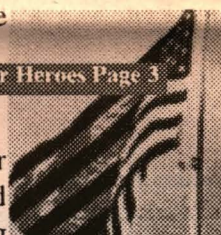
"In those days, we had White commanders and the rest of the enlisted ranks, from the First Sergeant on down were Blacks. Our commander was Benjamin O. Davis who was quite liberal in his thinking and very fair with us. Actually, we generally disciplined ourselves as we had pride in ourselves and would not allow anyone inside the group to mess up, and we protected ourselves from outside disrupters."

Ledbetter was a gunnery engineer for eight years with the Tuskegee Flyers and was a part of several missions during World War II.

Additionally, Ledbetter was a boxer and fought his way to the middleweight championship. "I was pretty good," he stated, "and I admired Sugar Ray Robinson, but I never met him inside the ring."

Even though the military services were segregated at the time, all enlisted men and officers were encouraged to further their education. "It was a way to keep us out of the bars and honky-tonk seven days a week, and the classes were integrated. I started in an Ohio State University extension and went on to a University of California Berkely extension at the various military bases that I was assigned to."

The Army Aircorp which included the Tuskegee Flyers had been converted to the U.S. Air Force by that time, and Ledbetter was now a sergeant in the Air Force where he completed his education and received a secondary teaching credential from Chapman College where he specialized in teaching the handicapped. He is now retired.



Military Day Celebration at St. Paul A.M.E.

Those men and women who fought and died for this country to make it what it is, signifies what Armed Forces Day is all

about.

In remembering and recognizing military personnel, each year, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church holds a Military Day celebration.

"We have so many retirees

at St. Paul," states Rev. Brooks, Senior Pastor and retired U.S. Air Force T/Sgt, "it's a good idea to set aside a day to honor them," he adds.

This year's, Military Day is being coordinated by Willie Moses, a Steward at the church.

All retired military personnel take an active role in planning the festivities of the day in remembrance of not only active duty, but retired military personnel and acknowledging the services they rendered to this Country.

Military day will be held May 25th, 1997 at the 8:00 a.m. service at St. Paul A.M.E. Church located at 1355 W. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For further information, contact the church office at (909) 887-1718.

Husband and Wife Colonels Don't Know How To Retire

Colonels Ralph and Melva Smith first shared friendship, then shared sorrow and now a wonderful marriage. Both are retired Colonels but their Air Force experience took place in two entirely different eras. Both have not found out how to retire. Both are in very different fields and both lead very active lives. She is a Midwife and Midwife Instructor. He is a consultant and the proud innovator of a barbecue sauce he calls Smitty's.

Melva Nicholson Brown-Smith was born on September 26, in no year that she is willing to acknowledge in Kingston, Jamaica. Her parents came to the U.S to work on a farm after answering an ad in a local paper. It was a husband and wife team. They worked in New Mexico for six years.

Melva and three siblings remained in Jamaica with a guardian while her parents worked and sent home money to take care of them. When her mom got pregnant things changed. The child was not wanted by the farm owners and they asked her to get an abortion. She refused and they moved to New York City where the family was reunited, obtained legal residency and subsequently citizenship. Five more children were born. "My mother and father didn't believe in welfare so she worked one job and he worked two jobs to make ends meet," she said. Being the oldest in the family meant she had to see the children off to school and to day care. "Everyone had their jobs," she said.

The early influence of the Seventh Day Adventist Church was evident because from an early age she wanted to be a medical missionary. She knew financially she

could never afford to become a physician. But one way she could get into medicine was to become a nurse.

Following graduation from Atlantic Union College an Adventist school located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, she was accepted at both Loma Linda University and UCLA. Again the religious influence won out she chose Loma Linda. "Soon I had exhausted the school loan program and needed more money to remain in school. That is when I heard about the military program that picked up my senior year," said Smith.

She had enrolled, and was committed to five years of military when tragedy struck. In 1965 her mother died as a result of a car accident on her way to her graduation at Loma Linda. She died of a Pulmonary Embolism. Doctors had convinced her father that her mother would be fine and he should not miss his first child's graduation. She left five children under the age of 16 and Melva with guilt that has affected her life. She was

committed to the Army. They lived up to their part of the bargain and she had to live up to hers. "For the next five years I worked without a day off to help my father raised the kids. I had to make sure they were clothed. There was no time to grieve. I indirectly blamed myself," she said. It was an accident and not even a bad accident. Her father was driving and he dosed off. He never got over the guilt.

She worked at West Point for 2 1/2 years before going to inactive status. After completing her obligation in 1970 to the Army she worked as an O.B. instructor for the New York Department of Health Services and for the Veterans Hospital. After two years in the civilian sector, Melva returned to the military to take advantage of fulfilling her dream. This time it was the Air Force. Finally, her goal of becoming a Flight Nurse and Midwife was in view. She became the first Black nurse to graduate from the Flight Nurse program and before she could fulfill the assignment she was accepted in the Midwifery program at Andrews AFB.



Colonels Ralph and Melva Smith

Upon completion she was assigned to Omaha, Nebraska. Tired of the cold weather she and her first husband transferred back to the Inland Empire. She was stationed at March AFB and was one of the first two Midwives assigned there. That lasted for five years. In 1980 she went back to Reserve status and served as Chief Nurse of the 445th

Air Force Reserve Clinic at Norton AFB. It was at that time she completed Command and Staff College and came up through the ranks. In 1990 she retired from the Air Force Reserve but is on staff at Daniel Freeman Hospital, Martin Luther King Medical Center and is a Midwifery Clinical Instructor at Charles Drew University.

Ralph's life is full of history and firsts. Both of his grandmothers worked and purchased their freedom from slavery. This headstart on freedom may be why there are so many success stories in their family. After slavery Harriet Beecher Stowe and his great grandmother were friends. They lived one block from each other in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both his grandmothers lived to be 104 and 101 respectively.

His great uncle is the founder of Harrison Ross Mortuary in Los Angeles. Walter Houston, another relative, was a Supreme

Court Judge in the state of Ohio.

Ralph was born on September 24, and says he won't give the year because, "no one needs to know everything about me." Little did he know when he met Melva that they were both going through the same kind of pain... divorce. It was 1979 a mutual friend had cancer and they were very concerned. As time went on Smith called her for the latest prognosis. This went on for several years and before long five years had passed, they had been talking every once in a while on the phone, their friendship grew. Tragedy struck, Ralph's mother died and soon after her father died followed by other deaths in the immediate family. They seemed to grow dependent on each other. But still there was no romance. "I invited her to a Tuskegee function in Los Angeles and she invited me to a Norton AFB closing ceremony," he said. The two became an item and courted

until they married in 1993.

Col. Ralph Smith comes from a military family. Almost everyone with the exception of his father is military. Someone in his immediate family has fought in every war from WWI until Desert Storm. He is a relative of General Colin Powell, his likeness is so striking that heads turn when he comes in a room, even their mannerisms are similar. From General Patton to the Pentagon they wrote the book on patriotism.

The no nonsense Ralph Smith has family roots in Alabama but he was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in a family where his dad was a true disciplinarian. "He told you and you believed it and didn't ask a lot of questions," said Smith. He and his three siblings towed the mark. During WWII his father worked as a Welder in Pearl Harbor and when he returned he worked for a chemical company. Being very adventurous and independent

his father then founded the first Black owned cleaning service in Cincinnati, Smith's Home Cleaning Service, Interior and Exterior Decorator business.

Ralph graduated from Withrow High School in Cincinnati and Ohio Mechanical Institute. "It was Sergeant Westmoreland, a relative of the famous general who talked me into going into the service," he said. He enlisted in the Air Force Reserves and was sent to Wilmington AFB. He went to Tech School and following its successful completion took and passed the exam for Officer's Candidates School. In 1957 he was assigned to Mather Navigation School in Northern California. He graduated and was sent to Hunter AFB in Savannah, GA Following the Cuban Crises

he was assigned to an advance Cadre to Vietnam. He completed three tours of duty in Vietnam. In between the first and second tours, he took time off to attend flight school where he got his pilot's wings.

It was during this time he met his first wife, they were married 14 years.

Upon his return from Vietnam, there was no time for retirement. Ralph went back into the Reserves. He went back to school and graduated with a BS in Metallurgy from USC, he also holds a BS from Cal State Dominguez in Industrial Management and a Masters Degree from UCLA's School of Education.

Ralph has served on the Pentagon staff, attended the D.C. War College and was assigned to Langley Field by

the Department of Defense.

He additionally holds CoGSOME, SME, PE and RiSME from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

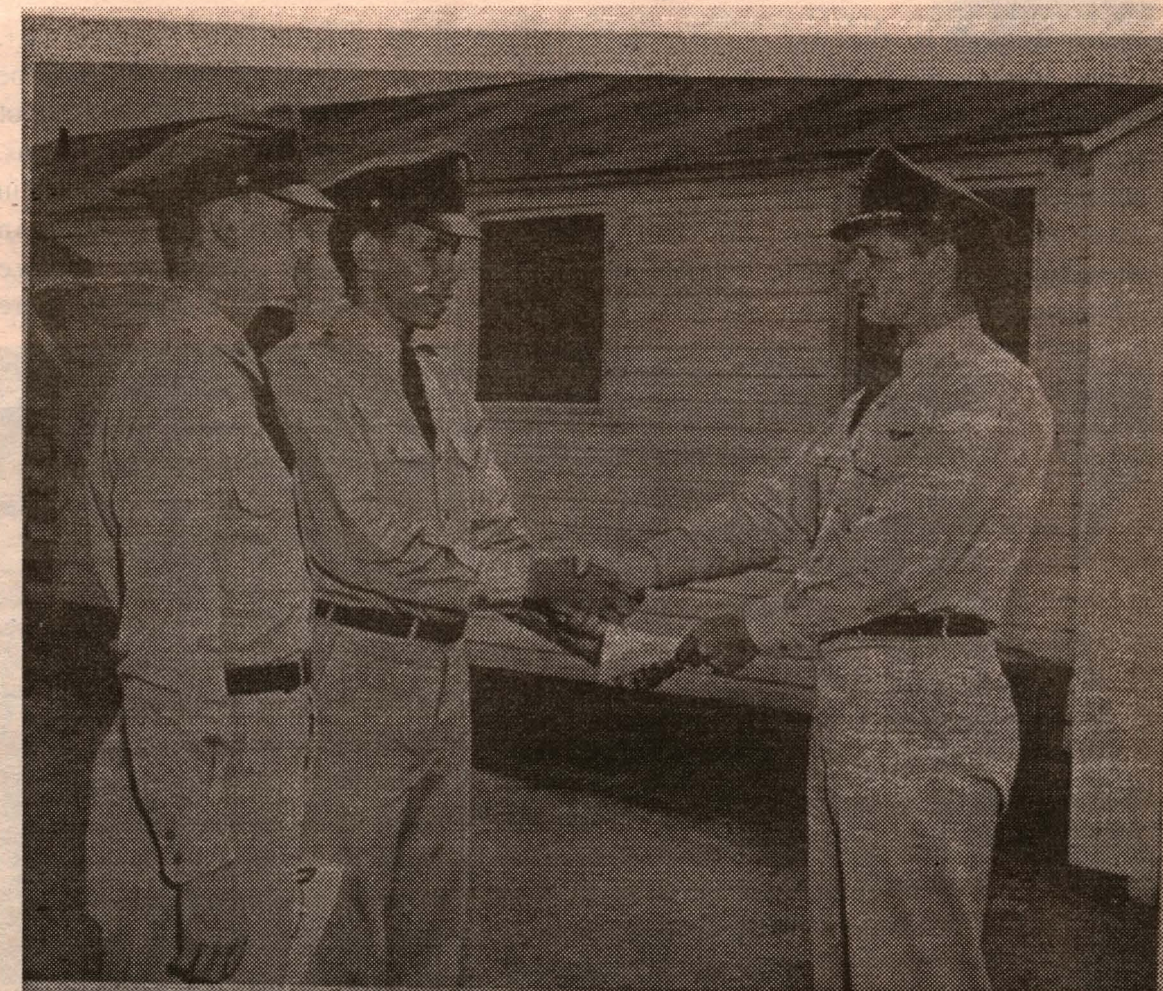
Both Ralph and Melva have received numerous awards and both still find time to give back to the community. Melva through Kansas Ave. 7th Day Adventist Church, The Watts Health Center and other L.A. based health care projects and Ralph through the Concerned Citizens Group, Five Spades Arrow Club, Tuskegee Airmen, (he is an honorary member of the Ohio Chapter), and his barbecue sauce project. He is the former president of the L.A. Ballet.

Both are the same rank but they never let that get in their way. "My mother taught me well and I listen," he said jokingly. He has two daughters and she never had any children of her own, but holds the distinction of delivering

2, 5 0 0 babies.



General Stint, President Clinton's Drug Czar is with Ralph Smith and his associate, Col. Minnie Powell-Beverly.



Col. Donald Campbell, commander of 302nd Troop Carrier Wing, congratulates A/3c Patrick Swift, 651 W. Ohio Pk., Amelia, and A/3c Ralph Smith upon completing basic.

AFROTC Opens Eyes: Community Finds Another Way For Student's Success

By Cheryl Brown
Black Voice News

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training (AFROTC) is making a difference in the lives of many young people especially those who do not have the means to obtain an education in any other way. The eyes of those who had never attended a such a briefing were opened to great possibilities. Officer after officer gave their testimony recently at a well attended luncheon hosted by Cal State San Bernardino and organized by Dr. Thomas M. Rivera, the college's representative. The purpose of the luncheon was to dessiminate information about the college scholarship

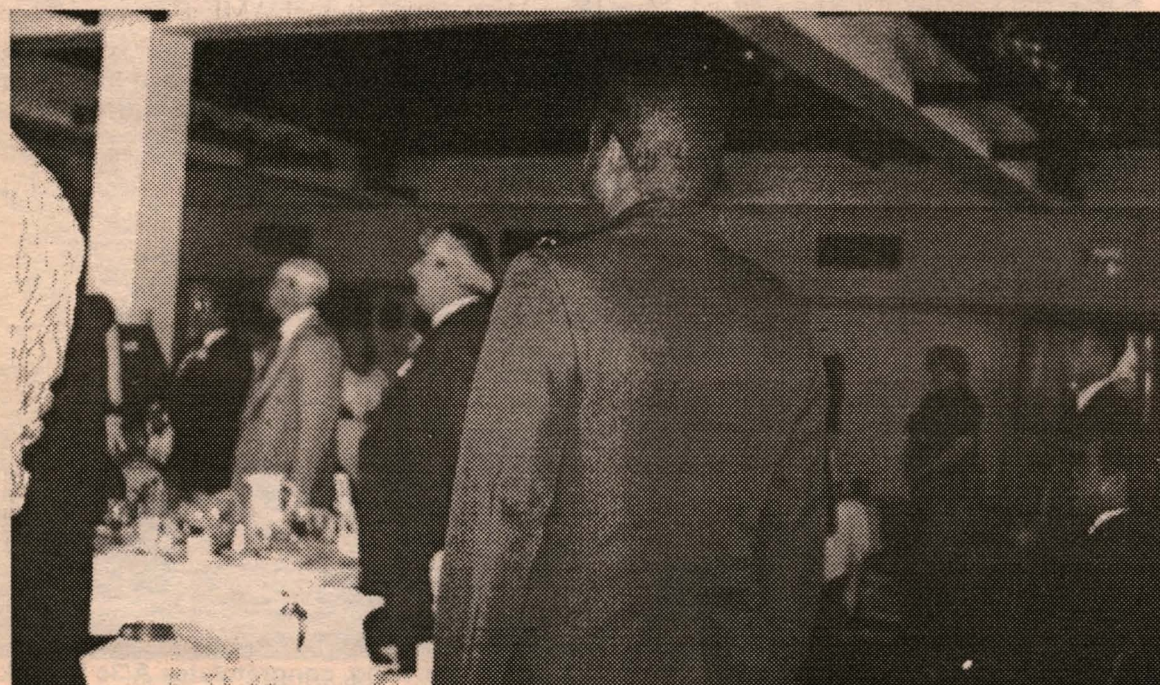


Touting in benefits of the Air Force were, Capt. Janet Andreport, Lt. Col, Brazelton, Capt. Nippy Betz, Lt. Clemente Lara, and Sgt. Romeo Obongen and campus representative Dr. Thomas M. Rivera. "We couldn't have done this without him (Rivera)," the group cheered.



opportunities in the Air Force. It is their mission to educate and train qualified college either undergraduates or graduates who are interested in becoming Air Force officers.

If a parent can not afford to send their son or daughter to school this is an excellent opportunity to get an education, give something back to your country and in the process have a very fulfilling life, expressed 2nd. Lt. Clemente Lara, who will be leaving the area for a tour of duty in San Antonio, Texas. He told of his experience in a small town located in New Mexico, where student's aspirations were



The audience made up of media, community, AROTC, University and high school staff.



Cadets Lesline Wimbley (front), Derek Reichardt, Eric Theriault, Nilda Tedja, Lisa Moya, Catherine Lease and Anthony Sidoti were participants in the Color Guard, they are high school students who already know their future.

not very high because of the income status of the parents. His good grades and great SAT scores gave him a shot at the Air Force Academy, which he took and has never regretted. Sgt Romeo Obongen, who stirred interest in the College of the Air Force spoke of the College that is located around the world. "It will give you the first two years necessary for a four year institution," he said. "You can go to any school you desire. The historically Black colleges have a program for anyone that offers more benefits than even some of the others. All races are encouraged so that these campuses can become more racially balanced, indicated Lara.

Captain Nippy Betz, Regional Director of Admissions, came all the way from San Diego, where he is stationed. He spoke of how he will retire soon with

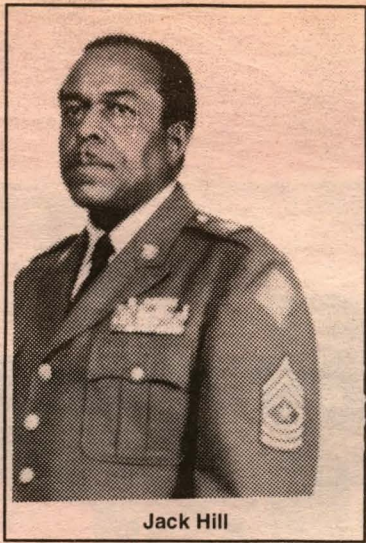
20 years in and will receive \$1,500 per month for the rest of his life plus other military benefits. "I am so pleased I made the decision to join up. It has made a difference in my life. If you know of students who want an exciting career they should see a recruiter. It will make a positive difference in theirs" he said.

Captain Janet Andreport, was presented with an outstanding service award for her recruiting work.

"I like what I heard," said Michael Townsend, Administrative Assistant for Assemblyman Joe Baca. "I am impressed with what the AFROTC has to offer," said student advocate/activist Gil Navarro of Riverside. Their sentiments were echoed by everyone who attended. It was like their eyes were opened to a new desert that wasn't even fattening and it was good for you.



Carl Clemons



Jack Hill



Benton P.K. Blakely



Rev. B. Wilmer Inghram

Friendships Last Through Military Service and War

△ Four Friends Keep Monthly Dates

By Cheryl Brown
Black Voice News

Rev. B. Wilmer Inghram, Carl Clemons, Jack Hill and Benton "P.K." Blakely are natives of the Inland Empire. All fought in WWII. They all grew up together and have remained friends after returning from the War. Hill, Inghram and Blakely were enlisted in the Army. Clemons was enlisted in the Navy.

Before going to the military, they worked at Sante Fe and upon their return they all went back to work there, except for Inghram who went on to school. He had been called into the ministry. During a transition when the diesel replaced steam engines, Sante Fe was laying off workers so the trio decided to

go to work at Norton AFB. Hill and Clemons retired from Norton after 30 years, but Blakely moved on to become the District Manager of the Golden State Mutual Insurance Company and subsequently held many other jobs.

"We had been attending a lot of funerals and decided as former soldiers and friends we should see each other for more than the sorrowful times," said Clemons. Now once a month they get together and trade stories about people and places. "We hardly talk about our military service on those monthly outings," said Inghram. Talking about they way they were treated during the war is a painful memory. That pain resurged when Blacks as a whole were left out of the 50 year celebration of the end of WWII last year. But they can talk to each other about the history of the

community.

"We are pioneers in this community. Our history dates back to before the 1920's," said Inghram.

Carl Clemons' house was the first home built on the Westside in the late 20's. He still lives in the same house. The Clemons' ran a sweet shop that was owned by Mr. Carlton, Blakely's grandfather across the street from St. Paul A.M.E. Church on 6th and Harris. Although his mother had a teaching credential and his father was a automobile mechanic they could not find work in their fields when they moved to California. No Black teachers and no Black mechanics were hired in San Bernardino.

Mr. Carlton, Blakely's grandfather was enterprising, he owned a rooming house on 6th and Harris, a shoe repair shop, a barbershop and a taxi cab service. Ed Blakely, P.K's brother, ran a filling station located at 6th and I Streets. It was a time when gas was 12 cents and when it went up to 14 cents people complained.

Jack Hill's family lived on the corner of 9th and Perris. His mother, Sister Poole had one of the most beautiful yards in San Bernardino. She use to rent rooms to students who were going to San Bernardino Valley College.

The Inghram family history has been well documented.

They founded St. Paul AME church, have a school named after the area's first Black physician, Howard Inghram, M.D. and a city library after Dorothy Inghram, California's first Black school Superintendent. P.K Blakely's mother was Dr. Inghram's first medical assistant. Inghram's father, Ben was a chef, he worked in establishments where Blacks were not allowed to go in much less order a meal from. Rev. Inghram, "Billy" loved trains and since he lived near the tracks he spent a lot of his time near them and talking with the hobos who rode them. His mother Leticia worked at Harris Company. The lives of these four pioneers have paralleled. Hill is the only Baptist of the group, he attends New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. St. Paul serves as the family church for the other three.

At that time 6th and 7th and Harris was the center of Black Christian life in San Bernardino. Both St. Paul AME and New Hope Missionary Baptist Churches

were located there. Conversely 8th and Perris was the center of the Black party life in the city. The Masonic Hall was located there. It housed the Black social life. The Barber Shop, a bar, pool tables and card tables and the dance floor located on the second floor, were located there.

All four have been married to the same wives for

around 50 years with the exception of Rev. Inghram who was widowed after 31 years. He and his second wife Jeanice have been married for nearly 20 years.

Blakely and Clemons are retired. Inghram still pastors Bethel AME Barstow where he has been for 37 years. This week he published his fourth work entitled, From The Garden To Babel, an account of Blacks in the Bible. Hill still runs his exclusive catering business not far from where he grew up.



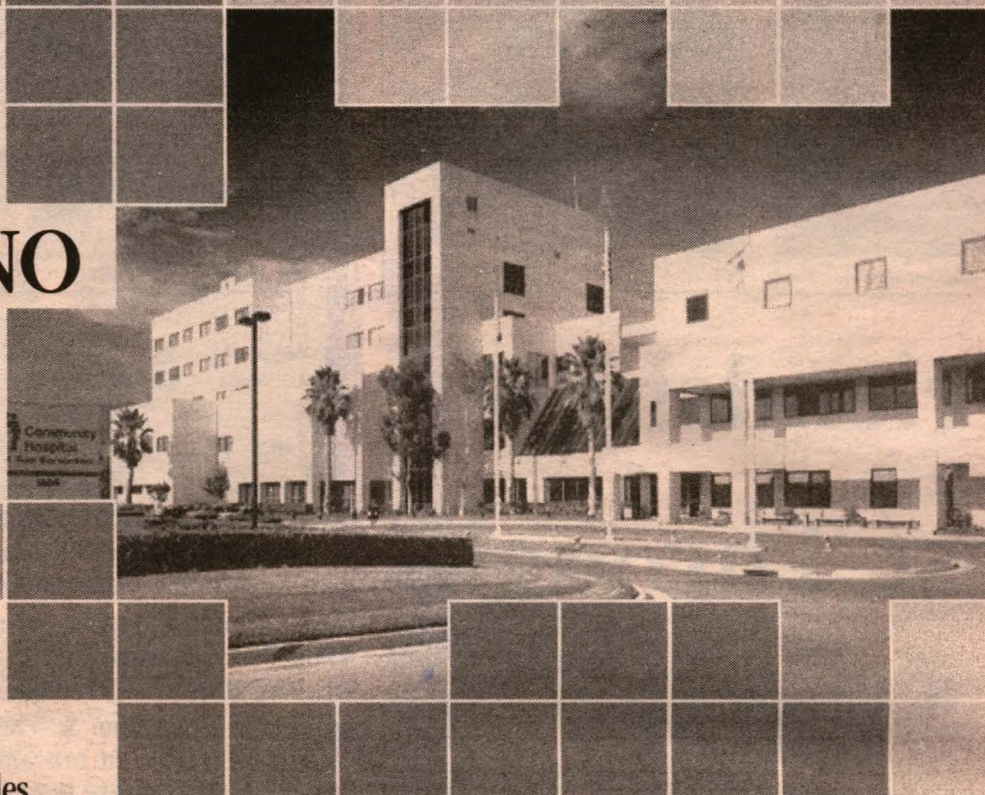
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